



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK**

MICHAEL VILLA
MAYOR

December 2, 2019
EPA Region 2
Alison Devine
290 Broadway; 25th Floor
New York, New York 10007

RE: FY20 USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Proposal – Narrative Information Sheet

Dear Ms. Devine:

The City of Amsterdam respectfully requests \$300,000 in brownfield assessment funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2020 Brownfields Program. With these funds, the City proposes to conduct environmental site assessments on high priority brownfield sites in order to advance refined revitalization goals. The City of Amsterdam has previously engaged in brownfield planning activities under New York State's Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program, and has ongoing projects through \$10 million in New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative funds that are currently being utilized for Creekside improvement within Amsterdam's downtown corridor.

The City has developed a prioritized inventory of over 109 brownfield sites, the redevelopment of which is anticipated to catalyze revitalization of the community. Amsterdam intends to target these sites with the assessment grant described in this proposal. Private interest in City brownfield redevelopment exists, in part owing to New York State's brownfield cleanup tax incentive program; however, valuable environmental information is lacking even for the highest priority sites along the Mohawk River and within residential neighborhoods that neighbor vacant industrial sites. The City, unfortunately, does not have the resources and governance structure to complete the environmental assessment activities necessary to foster private developer interest in the brownfield sites and has been suffering from lack of proper housing for all incomes as well as retail amenities available to those who live within City boundaries.

The following presents the information required in this cover letter:

1. Applicant Identification: City of Amsterdam
61 Church St
Amsterdam, NY 12010
DUNS Number: 0840664300000
2. Funding Requested:
 - i. Grant Type: Assessment
 - ii. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide
 - iii. Federal Funds Requested: \$300,000
 - iv. Contamination: Petroleum and Hazardous Substances
3. Location: City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York

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PHONE 518-841-4311 FAX 518-842-9064
mvilla@amsterdamny.gov

4. Property Information for Site-Specific Proposals: N/A

5. Contacts

i. Project Director: Amanda Bearcroft	ii. Highest Ranking Elected Official:
Name: Amanda Bearcroft Phone: (518) 841-4304 Email: abearcroft@amsterdamny.gov Address: 61 Church St Amsterdam, NY 12010	Name: Michael Villa Phone: (518) 841-4311 Email: mvilla@amsterdamny.gov Address: 61 Church St Amsterdam, NY 12010

6. Population: 17,974

7. Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist:

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory;	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain	
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures	9
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	

8. Letter from State Authority: Attached

As described in the attached application, the City of Amsterdam is in need of additional resources to tackle its problematic brownfield sites. However, the City has already completed the extensive planning efforts needed to inventory brownfield sites and identify those priority most critical to the successful revitalization of the community and is continuing those efforts with our ongoing Step 2 BOA Nomination Study.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions concerning this application, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Villa
Mayor

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November 22, 2019

Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

This is to acknowledge that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) received a request from C&S Companies on behalf of the City of Amsterdam, dated November 13, 2019, for a state acknowledgement letter for a Federal Year 2020 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields grant.

I understand that the City of Amsterdam plans to submit a Brownfield Community-wide Assessment grant application for hazardous substances and petroleum in the amount of \$300,000. Focus of the funding will be to conduct assessment activities on brownfield sites within the City of Amsterdam based on the recently completed pre-nomination Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study. The assessment activities will further your brownfield planning work and aid in the reuse of sites. Funding will also be allocated to conduct associated community involvement activities. Please note that the USEPA criteria for an assessment grant specifies that, if selected, the City of Amsterdam may only expend up to \$200,000 of the grant on a specific site.

DEC encourages initiatives to redevelop brownfields with the goal of mitigating any environmental and health impacts that they might pose.

Sincerely,



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Grant Narrative

1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

1.a. Target Area and Brownfields

1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area

Amsterdam is a riverfront city in the Mohawk Valley Region of New York, approximately 35 miles northwest of the state capital of Albany. Situated in Montgomery County, this 6.3-square-mile city is split by the Mohawk River that flows from northwest to southeast. Amsterdam is seen as a gateway to flourishing areas such as Saratoga Springs and the Adirondack Mountains. Many pass through the City but never stop to stay and enjoy the area.

Textile mills and other factories once flourished along Chuctanunda Creek and the Mohawk River; but as needs changed following WWII, Amsterdam's mills began to decline and eventually close and sit vacant. Combined with the failure of a downtown shopping mall in the center of the City, the community was left seeking reuse for thousands of square feet of space with no demand. Additionally, the mall bisected Main Street and acted as a buffer between the neighborhoods to the north and the waterfront. The results have been problematic for downtown livelihood, walkability of the area and the availability of services.

Several potential brownfields, vacant and underutilized properties with possible contamination were identified throughout the City during Step 1 of a New York State-sponsored brownfield planning project, which is called the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program. Many communities have one BOA study area; however, the City has two. One encompasses the Chuctanunda Creek and many residential homes. The second encompasses Amsterdam's East End, which is filled with vacant mill buildings near the City's Main Street. Amsterdam also has two Opportunity Zones (OZs). This speaks volumes about the amount of blight and vacancy visible today. It is the hope that sites within and outside of the BOAs and OZs opportunities for reuse can be assessed and aid in resurgence of the City.

1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

Amsterdam has identified 109 brownfield and underutilized sites during the NYS BOA planning process. The current inventory shows over 60% of the City's brownfield sites are adjacent to residences, schools, and parks where sensitive populations could be exposed to contaminants via direct contact, ingestion, and inhalation exposure pathways. The known high priority sites are located throughout the City of Amsterdam but are especially close to two waterfronts; the Mohawk River and Chuctanunda Creek. The priority sites are near two natural resources and pose threats to the City in terms of capitalizing on their waterfront and being unable to attract potential tourism and job development.

Because these sites have the most potential for positive impacts, the below priority sites will be considered for Phase I and Phase II ESAs under this grant. A selection from Amsterdam's established brownfield and underutilized site inventory is shown below:

Site Name	Acres	Former Land Use	Potential/Known Contaminants	Proximity to Residents	Vacant
Turos Auto Garage	1.3	Auto repair and painting	VOCs, Petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
Sunoco/Amsterdam Paper Mills	6.6	Textile and paper manufacturing	VOCs, metals, pH	Adjacent	X
Fownes Brothers & Co	5.26	Glove manufacturing	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X

Yund, Kennedy and Yund Knitting Mill	1.58	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
Kreisel Bros. Coal Yard	0.51	Coal storage & loading	Petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
Shuttleworth Bros. Co. Rug and Carpet	N/A	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
Blood Knitting Mill	0.64	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	650 ft	X
Fourth Ave Landfill	3.6	Landfill	VOCs, SVOCs, metals, PCBs	Adjacent	X
Mohasco Mills	9.4	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
Sanford Carpet Mills	3.0	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
Kelloggs and Miller Linseed Oil	5.6	Linseed oil manufacturing	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Adjacent	X
5-Corners Plaza/Oil Mill Pond	3.4	Suspected landfill, retail	VOCs, SVOCs, metals, PCBs	Adjacent	X

1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area

1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

Amsterdam's 2003 Master Plan laid out strategies to increase its competitiveness and serve as a hub of regional collaboration, sustainability, and economic progress. The City has been working hard to achieve the goals outlined in the Master Plan that will improve its economy, livability, and sense of community. The Plan specifically recommended the reuse of the DeGraff Street/Lower Mills, Willow Street Corridor, and Mohasco Mill Complex. All are strategic brownfield sites and would be addressed with EPA funding for Phase I / II ESAs.

Projects and studies that the City continues to undertake a land bank program, remediation of the Mohasco Carpet Mills and Esquire Building, a completed expansion of Riverlink Park including the new Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook (pedestrian bridge). The current Step 2 BOA planning builds on the recommendations for the revitalization proposed in the Step 1 BOA, which include strengthening neighborhoods, new mixed-use residential, additional future park space, and developing strategies to reuse industrial spaces. An element to begin the reuse of blighted sites along Main Street and throughout neighborhoods is the identification of strategic sites. It is these strategic sites which will be selected for Phase I/II ESAs under the EPA grant. The City intends to use the ESAs to attract private investment in accordance with reuse plans.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy

Reuse plans for strategic sites were initially created during the Step 1 of the NYS (BOA) and are currently being refined during the Step 2 BOA. This program is specifically designed to create reuse plans for large areas with concentrations of brownfields, which perfectly matches the use of EPA funds for ESAs. Planning efforts have identified particular needs to be filled in the community. For example, although the City is a gateway to the tourist destinations of the Adirondack Mountains and Saratoga Springs, but there are no hotels in the City of Amsterdam. Therefore, the brownfield planning efforts have identified three possible strategic brownfields as likely hotel locations. The assessments completed under this grant would identify which location would be best suited.

Brownfield planning also identified a need for pedestrian/ bicycle connections to downtown. The community requested that these connections include green corridors and pocket parks. Former textile mill brownfields provide excellent opportunities to create green connection, and the assessment grant would be used to determine which routes are most feasible.

Two programs currently exist to help make private financing of brownfield reuse a reality: the NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) and Opportunity Zone (OZs). The BCP provides a release of liability as well as significant tax incentives for developers that cleanup and reuse brownfields, including up to 50% of the remediation costs and 24% of the construction costs. Due to its financial woes, the City contains two Opportunity Zones, which makes the investment in brownfields within the OZs more attractive. The City intends to complete Phase I/II ESAs using the EPA grant at strategic sites and provide the information gained from those studies to private developers, using the incentives of the BCP and OZs to enhance the appeal.

1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources

1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

City is currently conducting a Step 2 of the BOA program and was awarded a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative winner in 2019 for the Mohawk Valley region as well as a \$6.9 million federal transportation grant awardee to reconfigure the roadways in the central portion of the City. These initiatives will help sustain the City's momentum toward site reuse and revive the downtown corridor. An EPA assessment grant would be needed to advance the reuse of brownfield sites. The City has completed brownfield reuse planning under Step 1 of New York's BOA and is currently continuing planning under Step 2. After completion, Step 3 of the BOA the City can apply for Implementation grants under the program to advance brownfield reuse. Another benefit of the BOA is that any projects proposed within the reuse plan automatically score higher in all NYS grant programs, which significantly increases the City's ability to complete projects. Many of these projects are planned for the brownfields that would be assessed under the EPA assessment grant. Lastly, brownfields remediated under the NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program (discussed in 1.b.ii) are eligible for additional tax credits as long as the reuse conforms to the BOA reuse plan. Therefore, the City is better able to attract the privately funded redevelopment.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure

The capacity of Amsterdam's infrastructure, are critical considerations when planning for reuse of sites. The city's brownfield sites are well-served by water, sewer services, utilities, and parking infrastructure. The utility network was designed to service a larger population and number of businesses, and is now underutilized. The filtration plant has a design capacity of 12 million gallons per day (MGD) and is currently operating at an average daily demand of approximately five MGD. The City's sewage treatment plant has a design capacity of 10 MGD and is currently operating at an average flow of 5 MGD. The reuse sites will improve the use and efficiency of the existing network and these facilities. The reuse of brownfields will also reduce the pressure to develop green fields in outlying areas and extend the utility systems. Much of the commercial business that once were located in the City has migrated to the north, beyond the City boundary. Following reuse of the City's brownfields, the community has indicated a desire in frequenting businesses in the City's core. According to the City Engineer's office, the City owns approximately 30 parking lots in the City, consisting of 350,000 square feet of space. On-street parking is permitted on most City streets. There is also a multi-tier garage at the Amsterdam Riverfront Center and several other small lots. It is expected that the assessment and reuse of brownfield sites

within the City's core will bring people back into downtown and allow for improved use of the current parking network.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.a. Community Need

2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding

Loss of industry and commercial activity resulted from the closure of the many textile mills throughout the City, which led to a significant decline in local tax base, jobs, and economic opportunities, physical and socioeconomic conditions. This loss is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the City of Amsterdam lost approximately 48% of its population since the early 1900's.

With more than a quarter of the city's population living in poverty (25.6%), many in close proximity to or being direct neighbors of potentially contaminated now-vacant industrial sites, it is clear that new efforts are required. The City's median income is over \$12,000 lower than the NYS average. The City also has over double the minority percentage of Montgomery County with higher concentrations of Black and Latino populations. As a result of these socioeconomic dynamics, local public dollars are scarce, while facing significant challenges with blight it is crucial that new dollars be brought into the community to energize local efforts to plan and build a better future as the City's budget is already stretched thin. Amsterdam has been included in State programs such as the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program, as well as the State's Downtown Revitalization (DRI) program. These programs focus on community planning and generating frameworks for community engagement and participation. An EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant would be pivotal in forging and fueling the community's efforts to overcome significant challenges of blight.

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

Amsterdam's early development patterns included the placement of residential areas immediately adjacent to industrial facilities. 26.1% of the City's population is under 19 years old and the assessment and successful redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the City will result in a much safer environment for many families. One example is the Fownes Mill complex, once a glove manufacturer, the six-story structures are largely vacant but loom over the adjacent single family homes on Elk, Sweeney, and DeGraff Streets. The homes are occupied by low-income families, and the presence of the towering and potentially contaminated brownfields significantly reduce values and overall health. The transformation of these sites into residential, commercial, and recreational spaces, as called for in Amsterdam's BOA planning will not only remove the potential contaminants, but provide improved housing, new job opportunities, and amenities for the nearby residents. This will increase property values in neighborhoods, and improve connections to the River and Creek.

Over 15 percent (16.9%) of Amsterdam's population is over the age of 65. As populations begin to age, they prefer to age in place and hope to stay in their community to be local contributors to the economy. Being within close proximity to potentially contaminated sites and old mill buildings puts senior populations at risk for increases in disease and shorter life spans.

The brownfield assessment program will result in the identification of threats to human health and the environment posed at numerous sites throughout the City. This is the first step in eliminating or mitigating potential contaminants and threats to human health and the environment. As an outcome of the grant, community residents will experience a number of health benefits through reduced exposure to contaminants with potential decrease in known health issues.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

The populations in our target area suffer from significant incidence of adverse health conditions:

- Asthma: In 2019 there have been 220 such cases. Amsterdam's 2018 ER visits for asthma is more than three times the national value (1.75%).
- Lead: In 2018 there were 22 required patient home visits due to patients with Blood Lead Level (BLL) of 10 or greater, which is considered lead poisoning. Additionally 68 patients had a BLL between 5 and 9, which necessitated the distribution of educational materials to affected patients. Recently enacted state legislation changed the lead poisoning BLL threshold from 10 to 5 BLL, this is estimated to triple the number of affected patients.
- Lyme disease: In 2018 there were 117 confirmed cases of Lyme disease. So far in 2019 there have been 165 confirmed cases. The 2018 rate of occurrence is more than 70 times the national average of less than 0.01% (approximately 30,000 cases per year).
- Cancer: In 2019 there have been 59 deaths due to cancer. Amsterdam's rate is more than two times the national average (0.41%)

These numbers demonstrate the local concerns related to public health and environmental challenges. The performance of environmental site assessments, will lead a reduction in exposure rates and improve the health within the area.

(3) Disproportionally Impacted Populations

The target area contains a mix of uses including senior housing, youth after school buildings and low-income housing. As a result, particular populations such as Seniors and those under the age of 19 are especially at risk for health affects due to past uses of sites within the City. A number of environmental justice indicators are present within the City for example:

- Amsterdam's downtown corridor along the Mohawk River and Riverlink Park where child play is in the 70-80 percentile for Air toxics respiratory hazard index.
- All properties surround the Chuctanunda Creek as well as the Mohawk River on the north and South sides are in the 80-90 or 90-95 percentile for houses being built before 1960 Lead Paint Indicator.
- Amsterdam's downtown corridor and northern residential neighborhoods are in the 80-90 and 90-95 percentile for distance from toxic wastewater discharge.

2.b. Community Engagement

2.b.i. Project Partners and 2.b.ii. Project Partner Roles

The City is committed to developing partnerships to ensure the best product for the community. The City has created a Community Engagement Plan to include community members in the planning process. Representatives from local government, civic groups, local agencies and members of the existing BOA Steering Committee will be directly involved in planning, and executing all community engagement. The following project partners will assist with engagement:

Partner Name	Contact Information	Description/Role
Centro Civico (CC)	Ladan Alomar alomarl@centrocivico.org (518) 842-3762	Not-for-profit that delivers vital services, housing initiatives, and community economic development to the Latino Community. Ms. Alomar is on BOA steering committee and has direct role in sites for assessment. CC has plans to buy / reuse additional sites in Amsterdam.

Amsterdam Housing Authority	Damaris Carbone dcarbone@amsterdamhousingauthority.org 518-842-2894	Agency that develops and maintains low income housing and has targeted brownfields for future reuse following remediation. Damaris is on BOA steering committee and has direct role in selection of brownfield sites for assessment.
Creative Connections Clubhouse	John Sumpter johnsumpter3@gmail.com (518) 212-5905	Non-profit that provides equal access for all adolescents and young adults who have or are at risk of developing an addiction. John is on the BOA steering committee and has a role in selection of brownfield sites for assessment.
Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency	Nick Zabawsky orionmgtco@aol.com 518-843-0604	Facilitates a broad range of community renewal and investment projects in the City of Amsterdam, and works closely with the City to obtain private developer interest in brownfield sites for reuse opportunities.
Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency	John Duchessi jduchessi@amsterdamny.gov 518-848-6866	Assists in the creation and retention of both employment opportunities and businesses, and works closely with the City to obtain private developer interest in brownfield sites for reuse opportunities.
Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District	John VanDerwerken john.vanderwerken@ny.nacdnet.net 518-853-7013	Major function is to analyze natural resource needs and provide technical services. Role in assessments is to provide technical assistance on soil and water quality issues on brownfield sites.
Montgomery County Health Dept.	Sara Boerenko sboerenko@co.montgomery.ny.us 518-853-8200	As the local agency tasked with keeping residents healthy, the MCHD will work with the City to help address contamination issues at assessed sites to protect health.

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input

Community Engagement Plans were developed and are successfully implemented during the City's BOA projects. The City has made a great effort to encourage involvement in brownfield projects. An example of its success is attendance of over 80 residents at recent brownfield planning meetings. Within the context of this brownfield assessment grant, community involvement will be advanced coincident with BOA planning meetings, including:

- *Site Analysis Tours at "Node locations"*: Walking tours with stops at strategic sites to discuss site conditions, surrounding properties, and reuse options while being onsite.
- *Steering Committee Meetings*: Regular meetings with involved community members to discuss community reuse alternatives and select strategic sites for environmental assessments. The committee is composed of local and county government officials, non-profit directors, health-care professionals, and the Amsterdam Housing Authority.
- *Public meetings*: Meetings to inform the community of reuse planning progress and obtain community input on reuse alternatives and strategic sites for environmental assessments. The public meetings will be held in accessible areas and during the evening.
- *Press Releases*: News media releases will be utilized to keep the public informed relative to program progress and upcoming meetings.

- **Social Media:** Facebook pages have been created for both BOA Study Areas within the City of Amsterdam and will be utilized to notify the public of outreach for the duration of the EPA Grant as well as a tool to receive feedback from community members.

During public engagement activities, minutes will be recorded and all materials created by the community will be tabulated, or photographed. These materials will be attached included as an appendix to the City's reuse planning document. This document will be posted on the City's website and hardcopies will be available at City Hall, on the City website and in local libraries.

Section 3-Task Description, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress

a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

i. Project Implementation

Task 1 – Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection: Amanda Bearcroft, Director of Community & Economic Development will manage the grant to ensure all tasks are completed in a timely manner and within budget. In order to start work immediately upon execution of the Cooperative Agreement, following award of the grant but prior to the grant period, the City will solicit proposals from qualified environmental consultants via a publicly advertised bid process, consistent with 40 CFR 31.36. There is not cost for this task.

Task 2 –Staff Training/Travel: Although City staff has brownfield experience, they plan to enhance their understanding of brownfield issues via attendance at brownfield events, workshops and other programs such as the bi-annual EPA brownfields conference.

Task 3 – Reuse Planning, Site Prioritization and Community Outreach: The City has discussed its brownfield prioritization process in recent public meetings with efforts under the NYS BOA. As Amsterdam plans to continue these brownfield reuse, it will integrate the EPA grant into future public meetings and other outreach activities, including updates to the City's website. An expected output from this brownfield planning grant includes a detailed reuse plan and revised list priority sites, from which the sites for assessment under this EPA grant will be selected. The active New York State planning grant, will bear the costs of the planning and outreach efforts.

Task 4 – Phase I Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I ESAs will be completed in accordance with current ASTM Standards and EPA's All Appropriate Inquiry. Phase I ESAs will be completed at as many brownfield properties as possible during this project, based on the actual costs of the ESAs. The funding requested for this task consists of consultant's fees to conduct the Phase I ESAs (\$3,000/site for up to 25 sites, totaling \$75,000).

Task 5 – Phase II Environmental Site Assessments: Based on previous strategic planning and the Phase I ESAs that will be completed under Task 4, the City will select approximately eight sites for further evaluation via the performance of Phase II ESAs. Phase II ESAs scope will vary and will depend on Phase I ESAs findings for each site, although each is expected to include drilling and/or excavation and the analysis of soil and/or groundwater samples. The funding requested for this task consists of \$216,000 for consultant's fees to conduct the Phase II ESAs (\$27,000/site for up to eight sites).

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule

The City intends to complete the grant activities within the three-year period, as shown below:

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection
a. Cooperative agreement oversight will be completed throughout grant period: (10/20 to 9/23)
b. Solicitation of proposals and selection of consultant(s): (6/20 to 9/20)

2-Staff Training will be completed as events occur throughout the grant period: (10/20 to 9/23)
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brownfield reuse planning efforts conducted now through 6/22 b. Site prioritization to occur 5/20 to 6/22, including selection of sites for Phase I/II ESAs c. Outreach efforts to be conducted every three to six months now to 9/23
4-Phase I ESAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of Property Approval Forms to EPA: 8 to 10 forms expected in 10/20, then quarterly until 6/22 b. Preparation of Phase I ESAs – Two months each (some will be concurrent): 11/20 to 11/22
5-Phase 2 ESAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of requests for EPA approval to conduct Phase II ESAs: 1/21 through 11/22 (immediately after each Phase I ESA completed) b. Completion of Phase II ESAs – Eight months each (some will be concurrent): 1/21 to 9/23

iii. Task/Activity Lead

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection–Director of Development
2-Staff Training–Director of Development and XXXXXXXX
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach-Lead is ultimately City of Amsterdam Development Director, while the planning activities are being conducted by a team of consultants) urban planners, environmental engineers, landscape architects, and an environmental attorney) that report to Development Director.
4-Phase I ESAs–The environmental consultant/Environmental Professional selected in Task 1.
5-Phase 2 ESAs–The environmental consultant/Environmental Professional selected in Task 1.

iv. Outputs

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports b. Documented consultant selection process
2-Staff Training-Event agendas, attendees’ lists, and written summaries of the seminars.
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brownfield reuse plan containing market analysis; brownfield site profiles; urban designs; conceptual reuse plans; and short-, mid-, and long-term reuse recommendations. b. Brownfield site inventory with prioritization criteria and ranking results. c. Agendas, presentations, minutes and sign-in sheets of public meetings, questionnaire results and other recorded public input.
3-Phase I ESAs–Up to 25 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
4-Phase 2 ESAs–Up to 8 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, some of which may include remediation plans and cost estimates.

b. Cost Estimates

The City is requesting \$300,000 to be used to complete staff training and Phase I/II ESAs. While EPA grants can also be used for creating inventories and completing strategic planning, the City has already undertaken these activities under the NYS BOA Program and intends to advance these activities under additional state grants. However, funding for ESAs is not available to the Village under Steps 1 or 2 of the BOA program, so the EPA grant will complement the planning activities undertaken under the state's planning program.

Budget Categories	Task 1 Grant Oversight	Task 2 Staff Training	Task 3 Planning/ Outreach	Task 4 Phase I ESAs	Task 5 Phase II ESAs	Total
Travel	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$216,000	\$291,000
Total	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

Total cost for four attendees to the bi-annual EPA conference equals \$3,000. This includes \$200/person for attendance registration, \$100/person for food, \$150/person for air transportation, and \$300/person for hotel expenses. The Phase I ESA costs were based on a ranges given by local environmental consulting firms. The Phase II ESA costs were based discussions with a local environmental consulting firm assuming the following generic scope of work: preparation of Quality Assurance Project Plan; one day of exploratory soil excavation; two days of soil borings; collection and analysis of surface and subsurface soil samples; installation and sampling of four monitoring wells; data validation; and preparation of Phase II ESA report.

c. Measuring Environmental Results: Anticipated Outputs/Outcomes

The City's Director of Community and Economic Development will track the following outputs will include the number of Phase I/II ESAs completed; the amount of the budget utilized; project schedule; number of public meetings held and community members in attendance. These will be recorded in periodic reports submitted to the EPA as well as the following outputs:

- The number and size of greenspaces created on former brownfield sites.
- Green infrastructure in terms of areas created and estimated volume of annual runoff.
- The type and extent of contaminants and the types and volumes of remediated media.
- The acreage of brownfield property that is remediated.
- The amount of private investment funds used to redevelop sites.
- The number of jobs created on remediated brownfield sites.

Above are expected to be closely related to the brownfield reuse planning underway in Amsterdam.

Section 4-Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

a. Programmatic Capability

4.a.i. Organizational Structure and ii. Description of Key Staff

The City of Amsterdam in partnership with the Amsterdam Department of Community & Economic Development will be in charge of handling all requirements of the EPA Brownfield Assessment grant. The Department of Community & Economic Development is designed to provide both of economic development and planning. The Department is led by Amanda Bearcroft who is the Director. Ms. Bearcroft's responsibilities include running the department and all economic development and planning programs. She has nine years' experience when it comes to grant writing and administration of securing State and Federal grants (\$40 million).

The department also has a Community Development and Grants Assistant position. The position is in charge of providing assistance in the planning, developing, and implementing of community and economic development programs, grant applications, and related projects.

4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources

The City of Amsterdam's Project Manager will be the Director of Community and Economic Development Amanda Bearcroft. Amanda has extensive experience managing both federally and non-federally funded grant programs. Recent examples include New York Department of State BOA and DRI funds. Other key personnel involved in the management of grants for the City of Amsterdam are the Mayor and Controller.

When additional expertise is required during the assessment of brownfields, the City will use a competitive procurement process, consistent with 40 CFR 31.36, to select its contractor to assist with environmental assessments or complete other necessary activities. This process includes the use of various criteria and weightings, as described in Section 2.a.ii of this application.

4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments

4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements

The City has not received an EPA Brownfields Grant in the past, but has successfully obtained and managed many state and federal grants similar to size, scope, and relevance of this grant.

1. Purpose and Accomplishments

- NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (\$10 million). Amsterdam was the Mohawk Valley Round 3 recipient of DRI funding. The Community & Economic Development department is managing the \$10 million grant which equates to 15 separate projects. Contracts are starting to be executed with a strict timeline of two years for completion on all projects. The City is keeping with that timeline, and actively completing all grant administration paperwork and materials.
- NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area (\$200,000). Amsterdam is currently working on two separate BOAs simultaneously for two neighborhoods. A steering committee is overseeing the progress and actively working with the consultant to track, measure, and evaluate progress. The timeline has been set to complete both studies in the summer of 2020, and that timeline has been maintained.
- City of Amsterdam Microenterprise Grant (\$200,000)/NYS HOME program (\$500,000/annually). In 2017 the City successfully executed a microenterprise grant helping 10 businesses and hiring 15 individuals. The program was monitored and had its closeout in 2019 with the agency. The City also administers an annual HOME program with the agency. The City is always on time with reporting and disbursement requests, and always successfully closeouts programs.

1. Compliance with Grant Requirements

The City of Amsterdam has an extensive experience in administering small to large-scale, federal- and state-funded projects. The City's Community & Economic Development department will take the lead on the programming/administering of the grant, with assistance from the Mayor's office and City Controller. The City has no adverse audit, and carries the full ability to oversee all grant work. All previous grants have been administered in compliance, while completing monitoring, progress reports, and disbursement requests, along with any other required paperwork or resource, while adhering to the approved budget and timeline. The City will track progress throughout the project by measuring and evaluating objectives and goals on a quarterly basis.

Threshold Criteria

1. **Applicant Eligibility:** The City of Amsterdam is eligible to apply for this assessment grant as the City is a general purpose unit of local government.
2. **Community Involvement:** As discussed in Section 2b., the City is committed to extreme community involvement as shown throughout previously implemented and current brownfield projects. Public Engagement Plans were created and implemented through the New York State Step 1 BOA and now continue to be utilized through the Step 2 Nomination Study with even more outreach to receive feedback concerning reuse of sites. The City will utilize these plans as the starting point for the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for this grant.

The Community Engagement in the NYS BOA Program was unique in engaging the community and often-overlooked groups (low-income communities). Hands-on/boots-on-the-ground approaches such as site tours, card games and mock magazine covers were utilized to gain pertinent input regarding brownfields. Residents expressed the need for a grocery store, hotel, trails and expanded open space, more access to the their waterfronts and, utilization of vacant storefronts which have structured the City's brownfield redevelopment strategy.

The CIP for this grant will build on this previously leveraged input and includes the following: public forums bi-annually (total of six) for updates on the program's progress and to solicit comments regarding priority brownfield sites and desired uses for these sites; availability of site inventory list, work plans, quarterly progress reports, and assessment findings on the City website as well available in the public library; the continuation of the advisory committee established in the NYS BOA Program to gain input and disseminate information; and two site tours in the focus areas established through the Step 1 Pre-Nomination Study to solicit potential redevelopment projects the community would like to see developed. There will also be multiple conversations around town to receive input from community members who are unlikely to come to structure outreach events. Additionally, the City's website and Facebook page will be updated as progress is being made on the assessments. These have been effective methods in the past since the television station is aired at most times of the day and better suits the needs of the elderly community and those whom don't have internet access. Additionally, meeting notices will be posted in City Hall, nearby restaurants and stores, as well as the local newspaper.

3. **Expenditure of Assessment Grants:** The City is requesting \$300,000 to complete 15 Phase I ESAs and 9 Phase II ESAs over a 3-year time period. Funding for ESAs is not available to the City under Steps 1 or 2 of the BOA program, so the EPA grant will complement the planning activities undertaken under the state's planning program. Outputs also include community outreach events including Public Meetings, site analysis / visioning tours, community conversations at highly trafficked areas within the community and the creation of local champions who care deeply about the reuse of potentially contaminated properties.

Budget Categories	Training	Outreach	Phase I ESAs	Phase II ESAs	Total
Hazardous	--	\$0	\$24,000	\$140,000	\$164,000
Petroleum	--	\$0	\$21,000	\$112,000	\$136,000
Total	\$3,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$252,000	\$300,000

Total cost for four attendees to the bi-annual EPA conference equals \$3,000. This includes \$200/person for attendance registration, \$100/person for food, \$150/person for air transportation, and \$300/person for hotel expenses.

Letters of Support



Damaris G. Carbone, Executive Director
52 Division Street Amsterdam, NY 12010
www.amsterdamhousingauthority.org

November 22, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of the Amsterdam Housing Authority I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. The Amsterdam Housing Authority strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

The proposed work seeks to better characterize and assess sites identified through the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program. Through an extensive participatory public process, the City of Amsterdam has completed Step 1 of the BOA program, and is currently working on two Step 2 Nomination Studies. The EPA grant will allow priority sites that have been identified by the BOA studies to be further investigated as well as to continue diligent environmental planning work both within and outside of the BOA Study Areas.

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- Appropriate reuse of underutilized or contaminated parcels within the City; and
- Generation of updated information and data that is necessary to minimize future human exposure to historic contamination

Proposed work through the EPA grant will provide the City with necessary information to further efforts concerning environmental planning and cleanup. We commend the City of Amsterdam for pursuing funding opportunities to reuse vacant and abandoned properties within the community, while also stimulating economic development and growth. The success of the City is not only important to the Amsterdam Housing Authority but is crucial for the well-being of local community members and other organizations within Amsterdam.

Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me at 518-842-2894 or via email at dcarbone@amsterdamhousingauthority.org

Sincerely,

CC: Emma Phillips



Conventional Housing Program
Phone: 518-842-2894 Fax: 518-842-9526



AMSTERDAM URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

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Amsterdam, New York 12010
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November 15, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of the Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. This Agency strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of slights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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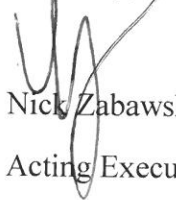
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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel

free to contact me at 518-843-0604.

Sincerely,

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Nick Zabawsky

Acting Executive Director

CC: Emma Phillips



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November 25, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of Centro Civico and the community that we serve, please accept this letter of support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. We strongly support implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

We understand that proposed work seeks to better characterize and assess sites identified through the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program. We are proud to say through an extensive participatory public process, the City of Amsterdam has completed Step 1 of the BOA program, and is currently working on two Step 2 Nomination Studies. The EPA grant will allow priority sites that have been identified by the BOA studies to be further investigated as well as to continue diligent environmental planning work both within and outside of the BOA Study Areas.

We believe two primary benefits from the EPA grant include:

- Appropriate reuse of underutilized or contaminated parcels within the City; and
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The EPA grant is the first step to provide the City with necessary information to further efforts concerning environmental planning and cleanup. We applaud the City of Amsterdam for pursuing funding opportunities to reuse vacant and abandoned properties within the community, while also stimulating economic development and growth in our neighborhoods. The success of the City is not only important to us but is crucial for the well-being of our community members and other organizations within Amsterdam.

Should you need any other information, please feel free to contact me at (518) 842-3762 extension 220.

Sincerely,

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Ladan Alomar
Executive Director

CC: Emma Phillips

CITY OF AMSTERDAM

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010**

November 15, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of the City of Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency, I write to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. Our agency strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

The proposed work seeks to better characterize and assess sites identified through the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program. Through an extensive participatory public process, the City of Amsterdam has completed Step 1 of the BOA program, and is currently working on two Step 2 Nomination Studies. The EPA grant will allow priority sites that have been identified by the BOA studies to be further investigated as well as to continue diligent environmental planning work both within and outside of the BOA Study Areas. The two primary benefits from the EPA grant include:

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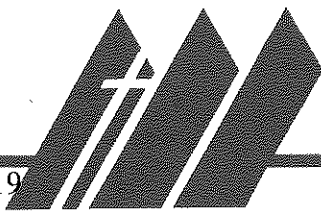
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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me at jduchessi@amsterdamny.gov or my cell 518.848.6866.

Sincerely,


John Duchessi
Executive Director

CC: Emma Phillips



Mrs. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mrs. Bearcroft:

On behalf of St. Mary's Healthcare, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. St. Mary's strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me at (518) 770-7584.

Sincerely,

CC: Emma Phillips



Public Health Department

MONTGOMERY
COUNTY NY
Made of Something Stronger

Sara Boerenko, LCSW
Public and Mental Health Director

November 20, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of Montgomery County Public Health and Mental Health Departments, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. I strongly support implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and believe that the assessment of Brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me at 518-853-8200 or sboerenko@co.montgomery.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Sara Boerenko, LCSW

CC: Emma Phillips



MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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November 25, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of Montgomery County Soil and Water, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. Montgomery County Soil and Water strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me at (518) 853-7013 or john.vanderwerken@ny.nacdnet.net.

Sincerely,

John VanDerwerken
AED Coordinator – Montgomery County Soil and Water



November 22, 2019

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Business Development Center I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. Montgomery County strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kenneth F. Rose
Director

CC: Emma Phillips



November 15, 2019

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Mrs. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
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Sincerely,

CC: Emma Phillips

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/03/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

BF

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Amsterdam

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0840664300000

d. Address:

* Street1:

61 Church Street

Street2:

* City:

Amsterdam

County/Parish:

Montgomery

* State:

NY: New York

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

12010-0000

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community & Economic Dev Dept

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Amanda

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Bearcroft

Suffix:

Title:

Director of Community & Economic Development

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

518-841-4304

Fax Number:

* Email:

abearcroft@amsterdanny.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Amsterdam Brownfields Assessment Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: